

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a grant to the Charlemont Fire Department.

The grant was awarded through the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, a program of the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Our first responders deserve the best training and equipment in order to do their jobs safely and effectively," said Congressman Olver.

With this funding the Charlemont Fire Department will purchase portable radios that will enable personnel to communicate more effectively.

Additionally, Charlemont will purchase a computer-based training program. The program will allow firefighters to receive training on a variety of topics.

The Charlemont Fire Department is one of 453 departments across the country to receive funding through the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

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For more information, contact Chief Ken Hal at 413-339-4013. For more information on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, visit [www.afg.gov](http://www.afg.gov).